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State Releases Flood-Recovery Action Plan in Spanish, Vietnamese Languages

BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana's proposed flood-recovery action plan is now available in the Spanish and Vietnamese languages, as well as English, through the state Division of Administration. Residents can download the plan and offer public comments on it as well.

Created by Gov. John Bel Edwards' Office of Community Development and approved by the Restore Louisiana Task Force, the action plan would be funded with an initial \$438 million appropriation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help homeowners, renters and small business owners affected by the March and August floods.

Public meetings are being held throughout the state during the official public comment period that ends on Jan. 3. A meeting <u>schedule</u> is available on the task force website, <u>restore.la.gov</u>.

Meanwhile, residents can submit comments in several ways:

- Complete the online form for public comments
- Email comments to ocd@la.gov
- Mail comments to Disaster Recovery Unit, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095, Attn: Janice Lovett
- Fax comments to the attention of Janice Lovett at (225) 219-9605

A copy of the plan can be requested by calling (225) 219-9600. After the official public comment period ends, the state will submit the plan to Housing and Urban Development for final federal approval.

About the Restore Louisiana Task Force

The Restore Louisiana Task Force comprises 21 individuals from throughout the state who were appointed by Gov. John Bel Edwards to oversee the rebuilding process after historic flooding in March and August 2016 impacted 51 parishes. The Task Force's mission is divided into six categories: community planning, economic, health and social services, housing, infrastructure and natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit restore.la.gov.

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